

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING SECURE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY
RESOURCES WITHIN A NETWORK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

10 A method, system, apparatus, and computer program
product is presented for management of a distributed data
processing system on behalf of a plurality of management
customers. Endpoint objects, system objects, and network
objects are logically organized into a set of scopes that
do not logically overlap. An administrative user may
15 dynamically reconfigure logical networks within the
distributed data processing system while managing the
logical networks for a set of customers. The network
management system is able to provide security at logical
boundaries between networks. Geographic location
20 identifiers are associated with network resources.
Network-related actions can be performed on resources
with common geographic boundaries. The network
management framework assists administrators in opening or
closing access to resources/devices at the boundaries
25 such that portions of a highly distributed data
processing system could be quarantined from other
portions of the distributed data processing system.